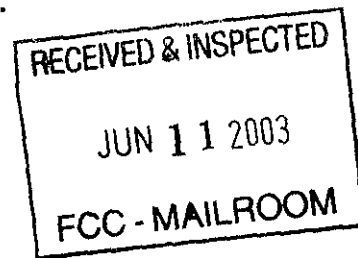


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**Interstate Common Line Support and Long Term Support - ICLS**  
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This is to certify that Bernard Telephone Company, Inc. will use its **Interstate Common Line Support and Long Term Support - ICLS** only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and service for which the support is intended.

I am authorized to make this certification on behalf of the company named above. This certification is for the study area(s) listed below.

Company Name	State	Study Area Code
Bernard Telephone Company, Inc.	Iowa	351110

(If necessary, attach a separate list of additional study areas and check this box.) ☐

Signed,

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Date: 6-6-03

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